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in Erfurt and Neuhaus

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1. [redacted] the Erfurt Radio Plant currently purchases mica parts from the Scherb & Schwer firm at 8 Kottbuser Ufer in Berlin SO 36 (American Sector of Berlin). The Berlin firm obtains its mica supplies, through unknown channels, from a London sales firm which delivers only against payment in foreign currency. The Scherb & Schwer firm allegedly operates a branch in a small town north of Berlin, presumably in Bernau (N 53/Z 96), to negotiate these deals. *
2. [redacted] a lack of mica would seriously affect the production of the Radio Tube Plants in Erfurt and Neuhaus (M 51/J 41) since only a gradual conversion to the use of ceramics would be possible because of the technical difficulties which would have to be overcome.
- * [redacted] Comment. The Scherb & Schwer firm was already known, before the war, as one of the few special firms supplying mica for tube production. The firm supplied, and still supplies, the Telefunken Plant and the Lorenz Plant in Berlin. The 1950 list of German firms (ABC der deutschen Wirtschaft von 1950) refers to the firm as follows:
Scherb & Schwer, the former Jaroslaw's First Plant for Mica Products at 8 Kottbuser Ufer in Berlin SO 36, and the Scherb & Schwer Turbonit Plant KG (VEB) at 34/35 Lehderstrasse in Berlin-Weissensee (N 53/Z 85).

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